order of Rs. 60,000 crores.

Statement

State-wise waiting list as on 31-12-1994

S. No.	Circle/Unit	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	145936
2.	Assam	15425
3.	Bihar	35685
4.	Gujarat (including Dadar, Diu, Daman and Nagar Haveli)	235972
5.	Haryana	71050
6.	Himachal Pradesh	19752
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	21995
8.	Karnataka	133605
9.	Kerala (including Lakshadeep (UT)	342240
10.	Madhya Pradesh	61480
11.	Maharashtra (including Bombay & Goa)	334900
12.	North East (including Arunachal, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura)	6414
13.	Orissa	8383
14.	Punjab (including Chandigarh (U.T.).	204892
15.	Rajasthan	184286
16.	Tamil Nadu (including Pondicherry (U.T.)	340558
17.	Uttar Pradesh	134133
18.	West Bengal (including Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Island)	90371
19.	Delhi	196109
	TOTAL :	2583194

Private sector companies in telephone services

385. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private sector companies which have been permitted to offer telephone services in the country, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have actually started the services and the places where services have been started;

(c) if not, when they are likely to start functioning and the places where they propose to start the services; and

(d) the names of Indian firms which have been given permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) Sir, Tenders for operating telephone service are to be opened on 30.3.95. Selected bidders will be licensed to operate service.